

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Monthly Newsletter

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Adult Class 11:15 am

Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

St. Jude 1:20

MARCH 2019

THE LENTEN PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. (*prostration*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.
(*prostration*)

PRAYER BEHIND THE AMVON AT THE PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
Master ruler-of-all, who in wisdom have fashioned all creation, who through your unutterable forecare and great goodness have led us to these most-holy days for cleansing of souls and bodies, for control of passions, and for hope of resurrection, who by means of forty days put into the hands of your servant Moses the divinely inscribed letters, grant us also, O Good One, to fight the good fight, to complete the course of the fast, to keep the faith undivided, to crush the heads of the invisible dragons, to be revealed victors over sin, and without condemnation to attain to and to worship also the holy resurrection, for blessed and glorified is your all-honorable and majestic name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

FROM FATHER'S DESK

The next vestments are the only vestments that come in a pair: the cuffs, one for each hand. These bind up the ends of the sticharion at the wrist and have long ties at the end to bind them to the wrists. Each cuff, like the other vestments, has a cross on it which the priest kisses before he puts it on. We finished last month's reflection by looking at the right cuff. The next one, left cuff, is put on with these words, "Your hands have made me and have fashioned me. Give me understanding and I will learn your commandments." (Psalm 118:73) Again, these words are addressed by the priest to God. With the psalmist he speaks to God confessing his lowliness, his creatureliness, by calling God Creator of all. Christ has fashioned and created us with His own hands, made in His image. The verse concludes with a petition: "Give me understanding and I will learn your commandments." He asks the Lord to open not intellectual understanding but spiritual understanding, spiritual knowledge, so that he, the priest, may bring into life the Lord's commandments by the living of them. As Fr. Silviu Bunta has pointed out, God's commandments are not so much commands as they are revelations of God's own life. And it is Christ Jesus who perfects the law. As the late Fr. Lev Gillet put it:

In Jesus a living person has replaced the law. It is no longer because of a written commandment that I shall shun murder and adultery, but because a person, Jesus Christ, has spoken, has lived and died in a way which henceforth constitutes the eternal model. Jesus abolishes and at the same time perfects the law. Like the river which flows into the seas, each drop of water which was in the river maintains its existence in the womb of the sea, but the river, as a river, no longer exists. (A Monk of the Eastern Church, *Jesus: A Dialogue with the Savior* [Educational Resources, 1990], 29)



The next vestment is the epigonation, a diamond shaped vestment that hangs from the priest's left shoulder and rests on his right knee. In the Russian usage followed by the OCA, this vestment is an award given to a priest for years of ministry. In other traditions it is given as a sign that the priest is blessed to hear confessions. As with the other vestments mentioned thus far, this vestment is also worn by the bishop. As the priest puts on the epigonation, he says verses 3 and 4 from Psalm 44: "Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one, in your adornment and in your beauty; and draw and prosper and reign on account of truth and gentleness and righteousness, and your right hand will guide you wondrously." This Psalm stands out for its use at the Royal Hours of the Nativity of the Lord. It is not used at the other hours throughout the year (first, third, sixth, and ninth) but only here for Christ's nativity.

The Psalm is about Christ. The verses read at the putting on of the epigonation are words reflective of Christ who comes in beauty to reign over all. These verses remind the priest that as he vests he is putting on Christ, he is covering himself with vestments because of his lowliness as he comes to the Holy of holies to serve the sacred liturgy. The priest covers himself up, leaving only hands and a face to be seen, as it is Christ who now hides himself in the priest and truly serves the liturgy. In putting on the vestments, the priest covers himself up so that he is hidden and Christ may be seen.



The last vestment the priest puts on is the phelonion. It is a long flowing vestment that goes to the floor at his back and comes down to his waist in the front. The phelonion usually has a cross on the back and sometimes an eight-pointed star at the bottom on the back which is a reminder that creation is made new in the eighth day of Christ's resurrection. The one shown at left is the Greek style which rests flat on the shoulders. The Russian style is shown below. The Athonite style is similar to it.

As he puts on the phelonion, the priest says verse 9 of Psalm 131: "Your priests, O Lord, will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice with gladness." Again, this Psalm is used at the Royal Hours of the Nativity of our Lord and speaks of us going to worship the Lord in His tabernacle. The phelonion covers the priest even more as a sign of the Lord's righteousness which covers him and enables him to enter the Holy of holies to offer the eucharistic sacrifice. Indeed, the Lord covers the priest with Himself [think of "as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27)] And so the saints of heaven and earth rejoice with gladness as the earthly liturgy is about to join in the ceaseless liturgy before the throne of the Lord.



Hours Schedule

March	April	May
3 Calvin	7 Lucy	5 Calvin
10 Angelo	14 Calvin	12 Angelo
17 Lucy	21 Angelo	19 Lucy
24 Calvin	28 Lucy	26 Calvin
31 Angelo		

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, you must find a replacement.

Reader Schedule

March	April	May
3 Amir	7 Johnny	5 Johnny
10 Johnny	14 Taras	12 Taras
17 Taras	21 Amir	19 Amir
24 Angelo	28 Angelo	26 Angelo
31 Amir		

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FINANCIAL GIVING LETTERS were sent to each household updating everyone on the information from the annual meeting on 20 January. Please take the time to read the letter and pray over your response.

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT You will find in your box of offering envelopes one marked “Diocesan Assessment.” Each parish in the Diocese is assessed \$35 per pledging adult. We have been paying this directly out of our Sunday offerings, presently \$5,320 per year. If every adult will make the \$35 assessment above and beyond their regular pledge, our parish will save \$5,320 per year.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE To help with the cost of maintenance for our parish we are providing offering envelopes for this purpose. Please consider making this a regular part of your giving throughout the year.

“EXPLORING OUR FAITH”, will not meet in March.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on March 5 @ 6:30 pm. Please note this change of date. Please call or email the parish office (810-744-0070) if you are unable to attend this meeting.

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS From early times the Church dedicated Saturday to the souls. It is primarily the day of those who have fallen asleep. Christians always took care, with memorial services and charitable acts done especially on Saturdays, to stay close to their dead and ask God for their repose and salvation. The first Memorial (Souls’) Saturday (Zadušnica) is Saturday, March 2. The next Souls’ Saturdays are March 23, 30 and April 6. A Trisagion will be served on each Souls’ Saturday (except March 23) at 4:45 pm, prior to Vespers. On March 23 the names will be taken by Father during the Liturgy at the Lenten Retreat. Please fill out the enclosed sheet with the names of your departed (first names only) and return them to Fr. Matthew as soon as possible.

COIN BOXES Each Lent, we collect coins to help support the OCA Missions here in the US and around the world. Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous.

PAN-ORTHODOX YOUTH RETREAT – MARCH 29, 30 & 31 AT DORMITION MONASTERY

All high school aged students are invited to attend. Please join us for the whole weekend. We will be coordinating rides from the church. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

If you are in need of assistance for the retreat donation, please see Matushka Lisa or Fr. Matthew.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS We need volunteers for March. The coffee hour volunteer schedule has been posted & is located next to the kitchen window. Call the parish office as well as signing up, if you’d like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee

March	
Coffee Hour Volunteers	
3	Meatfare
10	Cheesefare
17	Connie Maxim
24	
31	

Special Donations for Lent, Holy Week & Pascha

1. Flowers for the Cross-Third Sunday of Lent -\$115
2. Palms-Palm Strips-\$70
3. Palms-Fan Palms-\$60
4. Flowers for the Cross-Good Friday-\$115
5. Flowers for the Priest's Cross-Pascha-\$30
6. Priest Ornamented Paschal Candle-\$90
7. 2 large ornamented Paschal Candles for the Altar-\$90 each
8. 10 large candles for the Holy Grave-\$10 each
9. Flowers for the Holy Tomb (Epitaphios)-Market Value
10. Incense- 1/2 lb \$30
1/2 lb \$30
11. Rose Water-\$25
12. Eggs for Pasch (14 dozen)-Market Value
13. Red Dye for Eggs-30 packets-\$50

Please contact the parish office at 744-0070 as soon as possible if you would like to donate one of the items listed above for Holy week and Pascha.

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER We will have our Lenten Prayer Partners again this year. If you are out of town for Lent or are homebound and would like to participate, please call the office: 810-744-0070. Here's how the Lenten Prayer Partner works: prayer cards are printed with a blank space for your name. It is then folded in half and returned to the office. On Cheesefare Sunday (March 10), everyone participating will draw a card. Then everyone will pray daily for the person on the card they drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Baby Items, Wipes & Formula for the month of March. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve Thursday, March 7th from 9 am to 1 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet at the candle stand to volunteer.

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD Betty Dimich, wife of deceased husband Mike Dimich, fell asleep in the Lord on January 27, 2019. Her funeral was held on February 2 from Allen Funeral Home with burial at the Assyrian Cemetery on February 4. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN Helen Ethington fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, February 21. Her funeral took place from church on Monday, February 25 with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers. Christ God grant her rest among the saints. Bog da prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Petro Ahejew
5 Michelle Gerzevske
7 Amir Abu-Aita
Johnny Kantor
10 James Leonard Allen
12 Katarina Jonascu
Zeid Helal
14 Megan Krigner
15 John Popoff
Ryan Broadfoot
Theodore Wilhelm
18 Allison Borkovich
Jim Grossi
Lena Vassiliou
19 Joseph Oginsky Sr.
20 Mary Batzos
Sandra Ahejew
24 Marie Todorovsky
26 Scott Adkisson



NAMESDAYS

- 2 Chad Conover
7 Eugene Akkerman
9 Vivian Binelli
10 Leonid Rabkina
17 Alexis Nedanis
20 Svetlana Shchukina
23 Lydia Nicoloff
Lydia Dorohov
25 Angela Bakousidis
Angelo (Vangel) Panoff
Angelo Popoff
Angelo Young
Austin Angelo Selmi
26 Gabriel Paul
27 Robert Elieff
Robert Naumoff
Robert Russell
Robert Steiner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 John & Fanny Popoff (1967)
10 Stojan & Mira Prusac (1957)
26 Gregory & Danni Burns (2003)

If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: (810) 744-0070

VISITATION TO THE SICK Fr. Matthew brings Holy Communion to the shut-ins on Mondays. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact the office. Presently, those receiving weekly visits are: Helen Ashmun, Paul Ellis, John & Rose Goodman & Fred Oginsky. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City), Peter and Olga Samaras (Caro).

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Larry Bladecki
Deacon John Bocek
Anna Branoff
Linda Branoff

Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
Jo Ann Havens
Bill Haw

Mary Karayanis
Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen
Fred Oginsky

Ron Salhany
Olga Samaras
Peter Samaras
Bill Tadrack
Wendy Tadrack

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Helen Ashmun
Larry Bladecki
Nick & Marge Butrie
Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
Pete & Olga Samaras

4436 Beecher Rd.
409 15th Street
30 E. Bertsch St. #12
2 Harbor Dr.
2360 Stonebridge Dr.
1285 Cleaver Rd.

Flint, MI 48532
Bay City, MI 48708
Lansford, PA 18232
St. Clair, MO 63077
Flint, MI 48532
Caro, MI 48723

(989) 673-0821

The Church of 2019
(from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Orthodox Observer January/February 2019)
by Fr. Angelo Artemas

Imagine that each parish in our Archdiocese had a Starbucks kiosk open to parishioners at the conclusion of the Sunday Divine Liturgy. After coffee hour, would there be more proceeds at the kiosk, or in the Sunday collection? How many parishioners would skip the Divine Liturgy and go directly to the kiosk?

An internal Starbucks marketing report recently indicated that loyal drinkers spend an average of \$25 a week on their products - that's \$1,300 a year! How many parishes in our Archdiocese come close to averaging \$1,300 Stewardship a year?

These days many faithful like to lament about the decline of the church while at the same time reminiscing about the glory days of past... When many of our ancestors came to this country they dedicated themselves to two things – family well-being and their church. After securing their own financial stability they immediately poured their resources into establishing and growing their church communities. The church was their second financial priority after family.

In the last 40 years we have seen a cup of coffee go from 35 cents to \$2, a Honda Accord go from \$6000, to \$28,000, a typical three-bedroom home from \$70,000 to \$350,000, college tuition at Ohio State University from \$500 to \$15,000 per year, college tuition at Notre Dame from \$3,500 to \$50,000 per year, and the average U.S annual household income from \$16,800 in 1979 to \$52,300 today. The \$300 dues of old would adjust to \$1200, today, yet we are still averaging well below \$800 as an Archdiocese, and the same dollars are going into trays 40 years later.

How can we point the finger at leadership when the faithful chose not to keep up? There is more treasure today in Starbucks, Comcast, Apple and T-Mobile than in church. Are we now the church of coffee and devices?

For a church to flourish, first support and take care of your families (the house church). Plan for your children's educations, and secure your retirement. But then support the church as if your life depends on it – for it does. Go to church regularly (and don't be late) and donate generously. Don't be more concerned about the things you can't take with you.

Worshipping and tithing are not optional, they are essential in saving us from ourselves; freeing us from self-righteousness, judgment and materialism. Let's face it – we have taken advantage of the notion of “free-will offering” and have diminished the church. We cannot point fingers elsewhere when we are not doing our part.

If you are experiencing financial hardship or are on a fixed retirement income, please disregard this commentary. If you are already tithing and donating generously, please disregard this commentary, and accept sincere thanks and gratitude.

For the rest of us, let's make our church better by placing our treasures there. Perhaps our hearts will follow, and we may experience new and greater glory.

Fr. Angelo is the newly assigned priest of St. John the Theologian Cathedral in Tenafly, N.J

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

March 17: Noisy Offering

Thank you for saving your change!

Mar. 29th-31st – Diocesan Teen Retreat at
Dormition Monastery

SAVE THE DATES:

Week of June 17th: Vacation Church School @ St. Nicholas

2019 Diocesan Teen Retreat

March 29 - 31, 2019

Held at Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery
Rives Junction, MI

Mar. 29 - 6 pm Arrivals
Mar. 30 – Speakers, Gatherings,
and Services
Mar. 31 - Liturgy, Lunch, Departure



Please join us during this lenten retreat, where you will have time to join together in prayer with the Mothers at Holy Dormition Monastery, time to visit the grounds of the Monastery, time to learn more about living your Orthodox faith, time to get to know other Orthodox teens and so much more.

The retreat is open to current high school students (grades 9 - 12) and their chaperones. The retreat begins Friday evening and extends through Sunday afternoon.

While we would love to have everyone come and be with us for the whole of the retreat, we know that this may not be a possibility for all due to schedules. Please plan to be with us for whatever time you can. We just ask that you register, either way, so that there is an accurate count for accommodations and for meals.

If you have any questions, or would like to register for the retreat, please feel free to contact Deacon Feodor or Matushka Lisa at bdocateens@gmail.com. A link to the registration form will be forwarded to you.

Retreat Donation: \$75.00, for the weekend
\$20.00, Saturday only

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The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint

Presents

“Acquiring the Mind of Christ”

A Lenten Retreat Presented by Fr.
Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of St.
Tikhon’s Monastery

With a visitation from

The Miraculous Icon of St. Anna

Hosted by

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S. Long Lake Rd.
Fenton, MI 48430

Saturday, March 23rd, 2019

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...” (Phil 2:5)

The task of repentance, which is what we are especially seeking during the Great and Holy period of Lent, is a literal “change of mind”. During this holy time of preparation, our goal is to acquire the Mind of Christ which St. Paul so elegantly speaks about in his letters. Fr. Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of the Oldest Orthodox Monastery in North America, will share with us where and how to discover the “Mind of Christ”, and how doing so will impact our spiritual lives, and the way we view the world, in a very radical way.

Retreat Schedule

09:00-10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy with the Icon of St. Anna, Sung by St. Tikhon’s Seminary Choir
10:30-11:15 AM	Registration and Breakfast
11:15-12:45 PM	Session 1 with Fr. Sergius
12:45-01:45 PM	Lunch (Free Will Offering)
01:45-03:15 PM	Session 2 with Fr. Sergius
03:30-4:30 PM	Question and Answer Session with Fr. Sergius
5:00 PM	Great Vespers and Molebin to St. Anna, Sung by St. Tikhon’s Seminary Choir

RSVP To This Event by Calling (810) 750-1401, or by emailing Fr. Gabriel at frgabrielsmm@gmail.com by

Wednesday, March 20th



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~ 2019 Great Fast ~ Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Potluck Dinners

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm*) We will be celebrating the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 10am*) St. Nicholas will celebrate the Lenten Hours every Wednesday.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at the Presanctified Liturgy. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after 12 Noon). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

Potluck Dinners: A Lenten Dinner follows each Wednesday liturgy. Please bring a covered **Lenten Dish** (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products*) to the hall prior to the beginning of liturgy. If you have questions, call the church office where the combined service will be celebrated.

March 20th **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at St. Mary Magdalene**

➤ March 23rd **Lenten Retreat** led by Archimandrite Sergius (*see separate flier*)

April 3rd **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at St. George**

April 17th **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at St. Nicholas**

April 20th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, and Lenten Breakfast Combined at St. George 9:30am**

Assumption is located 1 ½ miles west of Holly Road on Baldwin Road.
St. George is located between Linden and Dye Roads on Lennon Road.
St. Mary Magdalene is located ¼ mile east of Torrey Road on South Long Lake.
St. Nicholas is located ½ mile south of Lippincott on Center Road.

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**FOR THE REPOSE OF
(first names only – please print)**

Requested by: _____

Flowers for Great Friday & Pascha

The offering for Lilies (3 plants per pot) is \$30, Hyacinths (3 bulbs per pot) \$20, Daffodils (4 bulbs per pot) \$20 & Large Boston Ferns (10") is \$30.

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. There are a limited number of plants available. We will be ordering 14 Lilies, 4 Daffodils, 6 Hyacinths and 4 ferns. Donations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please return the form to the office or put it in the collection basket on Sunday.

The names of those honored or memorialized will be published on a later date.

I wish to donate:

_____ Triple Lilies (\$30.00) 14 available
(How many)

_____ Large Hyacinth arrangement (\$20.00) 6 available
(How many)

_____ Large Daffodils (\$20.00) 4 available
(How many)

_____ Large Boston Ferns (\$30.00) 4 available
(How many)

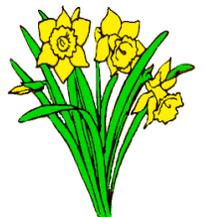
In honor of (for the living)

Or, in memory of (departed)



Your Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____



Meatfare Luncheon

March 3, 2019

Following the Divine Liturgy



Everyone is invited to attend!

Cheesefare Sunday



March 10, 2019

Following the Divine Liturgy



FREE WILL OFFERING



Everyone is invited to attend. The Fundraising Committee is asking parishioners for help in preparation, serving and clean-up.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>✠ <i>Fast</i></p> <p>🥛 <i>Dairy & Fish Permitted (no meat)</i></p> <p>🍷 <i>Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)</i></p> <p>🐟 <i>Fish Permitted (no other meat)</i></p>					1	<p>✠ 2</p> <p><i>Memorial Saturday</i> 4:45 pm Trisagion 5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>3 <i>Meatfare</i> <i>Sunday of the Last Judgment</i> 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Meatfare luncheon</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p>🥛 <i>Father in Toledo</i></p>	<p>🥛 <i>Communion calls in Bay City & Caro Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</i></p>	<p>🥛 <i>10 am Lenten Hours</i> <i>11:15 am Adult Ed.</i></p>	<p>🥛 <i>North End Soup Kitchen 9 am – 1 pm</i> <i>Office Closed</i></p>		<p>🥛 <i>40 Martyrs of Sebaste</i> <i>5 pm Vespers</i></p>
<p>10 <i>Cheesefare</i> 🥛 <i>The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise</i> 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Cheesefare luncheon</p>	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p>✠ <i>Great Lent Begins</i> <i>6:30 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>6:30 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>10 am Lenten Hours</i> <i>6:30 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>6:30 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>6 pm Presanctified Liturgy & blessing of Koliva and lenten potluck</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>16 St Theodore</i> 🍷 9:30 am Confessions 10 am Liturgy <i>5 pm Vespers</i></p>
<p>17 <i>1st Sun. of Lent</i> 🍷 <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i> 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Icon Procession Noisy Offering</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<p>✠ <i>6:30 pm Compline @ St. George</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>Father in Toledo</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>10 am Lenten Hours</i> <i>6 pm Combined Presanctified at St. Mary followed by Lenten potluck</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>22</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>23 Memorial Sat.</i> 🍷 <i>Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat at St Mary Magdalene</i> <i>See Retreat Flier for schedule</i></p>
<p>24 <i>2nd Sun. of Lent</i> 🍷 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<p>🐟 🍷 <i>Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary</i> <i>6 pm Liturgy location tbd</i></p>	<p>🍷 <i>Leavetaking of Annunciation</i> <i>Father in Toledo</i> <i>No Class for "Exploring our Faith"</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>10 am Lenten Hours</i> <i>6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>28</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>29</i> <i>7 pm Flint OCF Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene</i></p>	<p>✠ <i>30 Memorial Saturday</i> 4:45 pm Trisagion <i>5 pm Vespers with Litya</i></p>
<p>31 <i>3rd Sun. of Lent</i> 🍷 <i>Veneration of the Cross</i> 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy</p>				<p>✠ <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>Teen Retreat at the Dormition Monastery</p>	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  <i>St Mary of Egypt</i>	2 †	3 † 10 am Lenten Hours 6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck @ St. George	4 † Office Closed	5 †	6  <i>Memorial Saturday</i> 4:45 pm Trisagion 5 pm Vespers
7 <i>4th Sun. of Lent</i>  9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	8 <i>70 Apostles</i> 	9 †	10  10 am Lenten Hours 6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck	11  Office Closed	12 	13 <i>Akathistos Saturday</i>  10 am Liturgy & Akathist 5 pm Vespers
14 <i>5th Sun. of Lent</i>  9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	15 †	16 †	17 † 10 am Lenten Hours 6 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified & Lenten potluck @ St. Nicholas	18 † Office Closed	19 †	20  <i>Lazarus Saturday</i> 9:30 am Liturgy at St. George & Lenten breakfast 5 pm Vespers
21   <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	22 † <i>HOLY MONDAY</i> 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins	23 † <i>HOLY TUESDAY</i> 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins <u>Last Confessions before</u> <u>Pascha</u>	24 † <i>HOLY WEDNESDAY</i> 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6:30 pm Holy Unction	25  <i>HOLY THURSDAY</i> 10 am Vesperal Liturgy @ St. Mary's with Archbishop Alexander 6:30 pm Passion Matins Office Closed	26 † <i>HOLY FRIDAY</i> 9 am Royal Hours Set-up the tomb 3 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Matins Office Closed	27  <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i> 10 am Vesperal Liturgy 12 pm Simple Blessing 10:30 pm Nocturnes 11 pm Procession/ Matins/Divine Liturgy
28 <i>Fast Free</i> PASCHA 11 am Paschal Vespers	29 <i>Fast Free</i> <i>BRIGHT MONDAY</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Paschal Brunch	30 <i>Fast Free</i> <i>BRIGHT TUESDAY</i> <i>Communion calls in</i> <i>Bay City & Caro</i>	<i>Fast Free</i> <i>BRIGHT WEDNESDAY</i> 6 pm Vespers & Liturgy at St. George	<i>Fast Free</i> <i>BRIGHT THURSDAY</i>	† <i>Fast</i>  <i>Dairy Permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>Fish Permitted (no other meat)</i>	